

CLAIMS:

1. A method of managing emails in a mobile terminal of a mobile e-mail system, the mobile email system comprising an email server coupled to a static terminal and in wireless communication with said mobile terminal, said static terminal having a folder-based data storage structure for storing emails received by a user of said static terminal, said email server also being configured to provide said received emails to said mobile terminal, said mobile terminal locally duplicating at least a portion of said static terminal folder-based data storage structure, whereby said user is able to manage emails sent to a single address using said static and said mobile terminal, the method comprising:

inputting, at said mobile terminal, a command from said user to move an email from a first folder of said local storage structure to a second folder of said local storage structure;

deleting said email from said local storage of said mobile terminal responsive to said user move command; and

sending said move command from said mobile terminal to said email server.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said first folder comprises an incoming mail-box of said mobile terminal.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein said second folder of said storage structure local to said mobile terminal has associated property data for specifying said second folder as a folder in which emails are not to be stored locally in said mobile terminal, and wherein said deleting is conditional upon said property data.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein said sending of said move command comprises encoding said move command as a command email and sending said command email.

5. A method as claimed in any preceding claim wherein said mobile terminal is in intermittent contact with said email server, said method further comprising connecting said mobile terminal to said server via an internet connection.

6. A mobile terminal for a mobile email system, the mobile email system comprising an email server coupled to a static terminal and in wireless communication with said mobile terminal, said static terminal having a folder-based data storage structure for storing emails received by a user of said static terminal, said email server also being configured to provide said received emails to said mobile terminal, said mobile terminal comprising:

program memory storing processor implementable instructions;

data memory locally duplicating at least a portion of said static terminal folder-based data storage structure; and

a processor coupled to said program memory and to said data memory, for loading and implementing said instructions, said instructions comprising instructions for controlling the processor to:

input, at said mobile terminal, a command from said user to move an email from a first folder of said local storage structure to a second folder of said local storage structure;

delete said email from said local storage of said mobile terminal responsive to said user move command; and

send said move command from said mobile terminal to said email server.

7. A data carrier carrying the processor implementable instructions of claim 6.

8. A method of managing emails in a mobile email system, comprising:

implementing the method of claim 1;

receiving said move command at said email server; and sending a command to perform said move to said static terminal.

9. A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said email server comprises a first email server for receiving and sending emails to and from said user from and to a third party, and a second email server for sending emails to said mobile terminal and receiving and forwarding commands from said mobile terminal; the method further comprising receiving said move command at said second email server and forwarding

said move command to said first email server; and wherein said first email server performs said command sending to said static terminal.

10. An email management system configured to operate in accordance with claim 9.

11. A method of managing documents according to the method of claim 1 or 8 wherein a said email is replaced by a document and said email server is replaced by a document server.

12. A terminal or system for managing documents according to claim 6 or 10 wherein a said email is replaced by a document and said email server is replaced by a document server.